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41. A therapeutic composition useful in treating humans with *Neisseria meningitidis* comprising at least one antibody directed against the polypeptide of claim 19 and a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.

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42. The isolated polypeptide of claim 19, wherein the immune response recognizes an antigen having molecular weight of about 50 kDa (by SDS PAGE) in *Neisseria meningitidis* strains H44/76, M97 250687, BZ10, BZ198, EG328, NGP165, and ATCC 13090.

REMARKS

Claims

Claims 1-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the canceled claims, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification.

New claims 19-42 have been introduced. No new matter is added.

Support

Support for the new claims is either obvious, or is as described in the text below. Support for compositions of the isolated polypeptide which include an adjuvant recited in the claims may be found, for example, at page 43, lines 28-29. Support for the hybridization conditions may be found, for example, at page 14, lines 2-7. Support for the recitation of sequence relatedness such as in claim 32 may be found in the specification, for example, at page 47, line 9 through page 48, line 4. Support for the recitation of immune response recognition of a polypeptide of 50 kDa by various *Neisseria meningitidis* strains can be found, for example, at page 60, lines 2-3 and Figures 4 and 5.

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Closing Remarks

Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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